MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*) : അന്യ സംസ്ഥാനത്തേക്ക പോകുന്നതിന ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഒരു പാലമാണിത്. ഈ പാലം കടക്കാതെ കൊച്ചീ സംസ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്ക പോകാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

PRESIDENT: ഇതു ഒരു ഉപചോദ്യമല്ല. ഡിസ്കഷനാണ്.

Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao, Water Works Engineer.

207. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of times and the places to which Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao was deputed for training in connection with the Trivandrum Water Works ;

(*b*) the cost of such deputation ; and

(*c*) the nature of the qualification Mr. Balakrishna Rao has in water works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Twice.

(i) To British India to visit some of the principal water works such as the Pulta water works, Tallah water works, Jamshedpur water works, Benares water works, Allahabad water works, Cawnpore water works, Gwalior water works, Bombay water works, Poona water works, Bangalore water works, Mysore water works, Badravathi water works, etc.

(ii) To Madras to study at the spot the pipe laying and jointing operations in progress there and thence to Mettur Dam works.

(*b*) Rs. 2,911-0-14 for the first deputation and Rs. 887-25-12 for the second. } Including salary for the periods.

(*c*) The experience he has gained by inspecting and studying the above works, besides his engineering qualifications. He is a B. E. and C. E. of the Madras Engineering College.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The answer to part (*a*) (ii) says that Mr. C. Balakrishna Rao was deputated "to Madras to study at the spot the pipe laying and jointing operations in progress there and thence to Mettur Dam Works." I wish to know what Mr. Balakrishna Rao would have done if the pipe laying and jointing operations were not in progress at Madras at that time ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : He would not have visited them.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then how would he have studied these operations ?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It would then arise for consideration whether these operations were being conducted anywhere else where he could go and study them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is it difficult to get a specialist in water works ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It may not be difficult.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : In view of the fact that more than half a crore of rupees is to be spent on this scheme, may I know whether Government considered the desirability of appointing one with experience in water works, when Mr. Balakrishna Rao was appointed as the Executive Engineer in charge of the water works?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government thought that the present arrangement was sufficient.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I take it that the Government considered that Engineer who went to study pipe laying and jointing operations would be enough for this purpose?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Officer is a B. A. and B. E., with several years' experience in the Department. He just went to see the works on the spot before he entered upon his work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether Government have considered the desirability of appointing an Engineer who has already had experience of the work and who had not the necessity to go and study the operations particularly for this purpose?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Such men may be available and could have been appointed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : And Government never considered the desirablility of appointing such persons?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already answered that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I put this question merely in view of the fact that more than half a crore of rupees is going to be spent on the scheme.

PRESIDENT : Government also knew of it when they made the present arrangement.

Ayurveda Department.

208. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the Ayurveda Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the post of the Director of Ayurveda has fallen temporarily and permanently vacant;

(*b*) the cause of the delay in filling up the vacancy; and

(*c*) whether, with reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 482, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 27th April 1929 (page 726, Vol. XIV of the Council Proceedings), the Government have done anything so far (2-12-'05) in pursuance thereof, and, if not, why not?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The post of the Director of Ayurveda was temporarily vacant for 1 year and 5 months and permanently vacant from the 30th Kumbham 1105.

(*b*) Temporary arrangements have been made. The question of making permanent arrangements was under consideration.

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